IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Filed: February 10, 2004   )   Art Unit: 1734
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For: METHOD OF FORMING A   )
      TRAPEZOIDALLY SHAPED   )
      SLEEVE HAVING A PRINTED   )
      LOWER PORTION   )

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RESPONSE TO JUNE 17, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

This is meant to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed June

17, 2004. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Applicant's claims 1-7

under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as

being unpatentable over claims 1-2 of US Patent Nos. 6,183,590; 6,733,612;
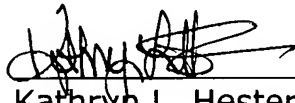
and 6,521,075.

In response to the rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer is being filed herewith

which complies with each and every provision of 37 C.F.R. §1.321 and 37 C.F.R.

§1.130(b) and which disclaims the terminal portion of any patent granted on

this application which would extend beyond the expiration dates of US 6,183,590; US 6,733,612; and US 6,521,075. Applicant respectfully submits that the double-patenting rejection of pending claims 1-7 has been obviated by the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of such rejection of the claims.

Further, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-7 are now in a condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, or the remarks contained herein, Applicant's agent would welcome the opportunity to discuss such matters with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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